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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 18TH, 1909.

The death of Sir WILLIAM DES VŒUX, who was Governor of Hongkong from 1887 to 1891, serves to remind us that at that time, as now, a gloomy view of the prospects of Hongkong was entertained, and found emphatic expression in a debate in the Legislative Council on a proposal to increase the military contribution from £20,000 to £40,000 per annum. Governor Des Vœux before leaving the Colony prepared a long statement in the form of a speech dealing with the condition and prospects of the Colony in detail on the strength of the statistics received, and (to adopt his own phrase) "dissipating the incorrect impression which had been given by looking at the question from only one side." He expressed the opinion, which proved to be correct, that such depression as then existed was only temporary, giving reasons for believing that the bubble of speculation having burst, the regular commerce of the Colony would in a short time fully retrieve the position, and in all probability bring about a prosperity greater than any of the past. That belief was abundantly justified by events.

During the past few years another "wave of depression" has been encountered, and it can hardly be said that it has "passed over" the Colony yet. Some months ago we reproduced from the annual report of the China Association a pessimistic memorandum by Mr. A. S. D. COUSLAND, the local Secretary on "The Arrested Prosperity of Hongkong," in which the causes of this arrest were explained and the conclusion was reached

that Hongkong is gradually losing its old position as a distributing centre. Such pessimistic forebodings are undoubtedly widely shared in the Colony. We do not altogether endorse them. We are disinclined to believe that the prosperity of the Colony has been permanently arrested, and that our trade will decline as steadily as it has grown. Hard times are by no means a new thing to Hongkong. They have undoubtedly been had within the last few years, but one can hardly say that the Colony has practically stood still. There are three useful tests that may be applied in order to ascertain whether the Colony, in a general way, is progressing or otherwise, namely, the population returns, the shipping returns, and the returns of bank notes in circulation. Taking these tests in the order given it has to be noted that the last census showed an increase of 15,000 in the population (excluding the returns of New Kowloon). There was a decrease in the city of Victoria, but that is explained by the measures taken to diminish the overcrowding in the city, concerning which there had long been much complaint, but the reduction of the population in the city was more than counterbalanced by the increase in the land population of the villages on the island, while the population of "Old Kowloon" showed an increase of nearly ten thousand. Closer analysis of the returns reveals the fact that there was a sensible increase in the white population, and also in the Asiatic foreign population, and it need hardly be said that neither Europeans nor Americans, nor those of "races other than European, American and Chinese," come to Hongkong and stay here for the benefit of their health. It must be assumed that if they are attracted here in increasing numbers it must be because there is increasing business here for them to do.

When we glance at the Shipping Returns of the Colony, we likewise find little justification for pessimism. With the Harbour Master's report an instructive diagram is published showing the tonnage entered at Hongkong from 1867. The lines on this diagram show that the entire trade reached its highest point in 1907. It fell in 1908 to a point lower than it has reached since 1904, but the average tonnage for the past five years is much above the average for the preceding quinquennium. Taking only the numbers and tonnage of vessels in Foreign Trade entered and cleared, the statistics since 1899 are as follows:—

Year.	No. of Vessels.	Tonnage.
1900	46,365	17,274,023
1901	46,201	17,825,309
1902	48,706	19,514,237
1903	46,255	21,716,870
1904	51,173	22,299,582
1905	51,578	22,653,616
1906	44,550	22,453,977
1907	47,660	23,032,891
1908	45,403	22,305,131

* Steamships not exceeding 60 tons in Foreign Trade included for first time.

† Decrease due to Typhoon of 18th September, 1906.

Highly satisfactory as these returns undoubtedly are, yet we must guard against the assumption that a growing volume of shipping necessarily implies in a port like Hongkong a corresponding growth in the volume of trade. This being a free port, there are no trade statistics, but it is common knowledge that a great deal of cargo which was formerly transhipped at Hongkong into coasting vessels is now carried by ocean-going steamers direct to or from the consuming districts. The vessels may still call at Hongkong, but they do not tranship here the same amount of cargo that they formerly did.

Coming now to the test of bank notes in circulation, we extract from the Government Gazette the returns for the month of November during the past ten years:—

	Bank Note average amount.	Specie in reserve.
1900	9,883,893	6,650,000
1901	11,118,048	6,750,000
1902	12,896,820	6,950,000
1903	15,606,901	9,150,000
1904	16,425,808	9,450,000
1905	17,456,558	11,340,000
1906	16,317,358	11,345,000
1907	17,417,769	12,750,000
1908	19,626,518	13,700,000
1909	15,869,499	17,400,000

These returns indicating the financial business passing in the Colony give little support to the idea that the prosperity of Hongkong has materially suffered, and if it were possible to publish returns showing the increase in the amount of cheques cashed, we think the proof would be still more striking.

The conditions of trade are altering no doubt. They have altered before. The opening of the Suez Canal and the laying of the telegraph cables were events that brought about great changes, and they were both supposed to be inimical to the interests of Hongkong. But the Colony has hitherto been able to adapt itself to new conditions, and

considering the advantages it possesses as a trade centre it can hardly be doubted that it will continue to do so in future. Though much trade has undoubtedly been lost to Hongkong in recent years by direct shipments to other ports, and though there may be a prospect of this direct business growing, the Colony may surely hope to benefit by the railway developments now taking place in South China. As the terminal port of the great trunk line now being constructed through three of the richest and most populous provinces of China, the future prosperity of Hongkong ought to be abundantly assured. It is quite possible, however, that the causes detailed in Mr. COUSLAND'S interesting memorandum will serve for some years yet to arrest the further development of the Colony, but we are bold enough to prophesy that in 1920 the indications of the Colony's prosperity will show an immense improvement on the indications for the year 1910.

The King of the Belgians is dead. The news of his death was not unexpected. His age rendered it practically hopeless that the operation necessary on account of his intestinal complaint would be successful, and the hopes which were at one time entertained gradually fell as it was learned that he was sinking rapidly. LEOPOLD II., King of the Belgians, was one of the most striking figures in Europe. Though not the oldest reigning monarch—he was five years younger than the venerable Emperor of Austria—Hungary—he has sat upon the throne for forty-four years, and while he may not have been appreciated out of his own country his subjects entertained a lively affection for their ruler, who, it must be admitted, did not allow himself to be fettered by princely traditions, and showed to the world that he was a man of keen business acumen and sound commercial sense, and in this connection the reports will be recalled of his personal interest in railway enterprises in China. LEOPOLD II., who succeeded to the throne in 1835, had passed the allotted span of human life. His years numbered more than three score and ten, as he was born at Brussels on April 9th, 1835. In 1853 he married the Arch-Duchess MARIE OF AUSTRIA, by whom he had three children—two daughters and one son, the DUKE OF BRABANT, who died in 1869 at the age of ten. Shortly after he ascended the throne he made a lengthened tour of Europe, Egypt and Asia Minor, and the great interest which he took in improving the commercial interests of his country was exemplified when as Duke of Brabant he participated in important discussions in the Senate, more particularly relating to the establishment of a maritime service between Antwerp and the Levant. But it is especially in connection with the Congo that the dead King has attracted considerable notice, and the confidence that Europe had in him was testified by the fact that State was placed under his sovereignty on the basis of personal union with Belgium. That regime, however, did not prove satisfactory, and after protests had been made by the Powers interested a new arrangement was recently made. Only a week ago the Foreign Minister of Germany declared that the Belgian Government's scheme of reforms for the Congo, if loyally carried out, would contribute to the welfare of the natives, and achieve free trade for all nations in the Congo. His successor is his nephew, Prince ALBERT OF BELGIUM, who was born in 1875, and who has two sons and a daughter. Daughters are excluded by the Belgian Constitution from the succession.

The Bishop of Victoria and Mrs. Lander are holding an "At Home" at St. Paul's College on Monday to meet the Rt. Rev. Bishop Ingham, D.D., Secretary of the Church Missionary Society.

Apparently the Sanitary Department offices have been put in a proper state of repair, as it is announced that the fortnightly meetings of the Board will in future be held there instead of in the Council Chamber.

The funeral of Gunner Hunter, R.G.A., who died at the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, on Thursday, took place yesterday morning. The cortege consisted of Officers, N.C.O.s and men of 87 Coy. R.G.A., and the bands of the Buffs, the latter playing the funeral marches en route to the Cemetery, Happy Valley. We understand deceased only arrived here on the *Beva* last month, and leaves a widow and four young children.

One of our American visitors, a lady, had an undesirable experience on Thursday. While enjoying the night of Queen's Road Central she felt a tug at her purse and looking down found that it had disappeared. At the same time she noticed a Chinaman running off. The alarm was raised and he was promptly pursued by policemen, sailors and soldiers, but the honour of the capture went to a civilian. The theft took place about three o'clock and half an hour later he was in Victoria Gaol, having been sentenced to six months' imprisonment and ordered to receive ten strokes with the birch.

A typhoon warning was received by American Consulate-General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory yesterday at 10.20 a.m. reading:—"Cyclone or typhoon South of Western Caroline, direction unknown."

Two magisterial inquiries took place yesterday. One was with regard to the death of a Chinese, presumably a countryman, who while crossing the road near the Tai Ping Theatre, became so alarmed when he found himself in front of an approaching tram that he jumped clear of it only to collide with another car. He received injuries to his skull to which he succumbed in the hospital. Death was found to be accidental. The other inquiry was with respect to a Chinese found drowned in the harbour on the 17th November. Found drowned was the verdict.

THE AFFRAY AT MACAO.

The funeral of the German bluejackets who was fatally shot and died on Tuesday last took place on Wednesday afternoon, the deceased being interred in the English cemetery. Representatives of the Portuguese Government attended the funeral, a firing party being supplied by the Infantry Corps.

Two sailors, named Gomes and Gomes, have been arrested and were examined by the Chief Justice yesterday. Gomes is a restaurant keeper, and the other man is chief of the Fire Brigade.

A SOLDIER'S DEATH.

An inquiry took place at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon respecting the death of Gunner Cook, R.G.A., who was found drowned in Hangchow Bay on November 21st. Mr. E. R. Hallifax conducted the inquiry, and the jury was composed of Messrs. H. Greig, F. J. Hertholtz, and J. M. G. Pereira.

Gunner Allen, R.G.A., said that deceased and he spent the evening of the 20th November together. They attended a concert at the R. E. Barracks and afterwards went to the Praya East, which they left at 11.20 p.m. Outside the Naval Canton they were accosted by a soldier belonging to the Hongkong and Singapore Battalion, who said he could recommend them to a good "sing song place." Witness declined the suggestion, but Cook, who was neither drunk nor sober, but capable of looking after himself, remained with the Indian soldier. Witness never saw Cook alive again. He could identify the Indian soldier if he saw him, but he failed to identify him when forty men of the Battalion were paraded for identification.

His Worship—If you appreciate this question, gentlemen of the jury. It is this man who is wanted to bridge the gap between 11.20 p.m. on the 20th November and noon the 21st. Witness added that deceased was of a cheerful disposition and a good swimmer. By a jurymen—He had no worries?—Nothing to make him feel depressed or wish to commit suicide?

Dr. Shaw, R.N., spoke to examining the body and finding that death was due to drowning. There were several bruises on both shins, but they were not related to the cause of his death. His Worship—Deceased was a strong swimmer. Was anything revealed in the post mortem which would indicate that he could not swim?

Witness—No. His Worship—He was found in five feet of water. Two feet would be sufficient to drown him if he were drunk, but he would have to be very drunk?

Witness—Yes. His Worship—The water would seep him. Witness—Yes.

P. S. Sutton spoke to finding the body and having it removed to the mortuary. He found the body lying in about five feet of water, face down, with arms and legs crossed. By the Court—He must have fallen into the water where he was found. It was impossible for the currents to have carried the body from the Hongkong side to where it was found. The body was quite fresh and could only have been in the water four or five hours.

P. S. Edwards deposed to finding on the body a silver dollar, a mouth organ, and several other small articles.

His Worship thought that Gunner Allen should have a fuller opportunity of identifying the Indian soldier. Gunner Allen said he saw the parade of men on past that night, but there were opportunities for men being out without a pass.

The jury agreed that the coloured gunner should be found, and the inquiry was adjourned to give Gunner Allen an opportunity of going through the battalion until he found the man.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The I.G.M. str. *Princess Alice*, which left here on the 17th ult., at noon, arrived at Genoa on the 16th inst., at 8 a.m.

The N.Y.K. str. *Aki Maru* (American Line) left Moji on the 16th inst., and is expected here on the 20th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Tamba Maru* (European Line) left Singapore on the 16th inst., and is expected here on the 22nd inst.

The Bank Line str. *Suvaric* left Yokohama on the 17th inst. for Hongkong via ports.

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TELEGRAMS.

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WELCOME HOME TO JAPANESE MERCHANTS.

Tokyo, December 17th.

The businessmen who recently visited America arrived at Yokohama to-day, and were accorded a great welcome.

At Tokyo, where formal proceedings took place in the Chamber of Commerce, in the presence of the Diplomatic Corps, Baron Shibusawa said that he and his party had set an example in national diplomacy, and had found that Americans everywhere desired to enter into peaceful competition on the Pacific.

MR ROOSEVELT AND THE LATE PRINCE ITO.

Tokyo, December 17th.

Mr. Roosevelt has telegraphed to Japan from Nairobi, in the East Africa Protectorate, expressing profound horror at the assassination of Prince Ito.

The message was evidently dispatched by carrier from far in the interior of Africa.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

DEATH OF KING LEOPOLD.

LONDON, December 17th.

King Leopold of Belgium died at 2.35 this morning.

THE CHINESE NAVAL COMMISSIONERS.

LONDON, December 17th.

The Chinese Naval Commissioners guard of honour was drawn up at the station, and the Chinese Minister, Sir McLeavy Brown, Sir Robert and Lady Hart, and others attended to bid them farewell.

Admiral Sah, interviewed by Reuters's correspondent, stated that Prince Tsai and all the Commissioners were much gratified at the hospitality extended to them by Great Britain, and he had no doubt that the Chinese Government would profit greatly in reorganising the Chinese Navy by what the Commissioners had learned in England. There was no question, he said, of placing any orders for ships at present.

Prince Tsai Haun, before leaving Dover, telegraphed to His Majesty King Edward, warmly thanking him for the many kindnesses extended to the Commissioners.

THE ANNEXATION OF KOREA.

LONDON, December 17th.

The St. Petersburg journal "Novoye Vremya" announces that it has been authorised to deny the report that Russia and Japan are negotiating for the latter country's annexation of Korea.

THE POLAR QUESTION.

LONDON, December 17th.

A message from New York to Mr. Osborn, Secretary of the Arctic Club, announces that Captain Loos, a retired navigator, on the 10th inst. verbally confessed that his affidavit regarding supplying Dr. Cook with nautical and astronomical observations was a lie from beginning to end.

AN UNFOUNDED REPORT.

LONDON, December 17th.

The news of the death of the Rt. Rev. William Awdry, a former Bishop of South Tokyo, proves to be unfounded.

[FROM THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO."]

SIR CHEN TUNG-CHENG CENSORED.

PEKING, December 17th.

The Viceroy of Canton has sent a memorial to the Throne censoring Sir Chen Tung-Cheng, formerly Chinese Minister at Washington, and at present Secretary to the Naval Commissioners.

The Viceroy stated that during Sir Chen's management of the Canton-Hankow Railway he spent over \$7,000,000 and completed only about 48 miles of the line.

LOCAL SPORT.

FIXTURES AT A GLANCE.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

First Division.
Kowloon v. Hongkong.
Kowloon, 4 p.m.
Referee, Gunner Marsh, R.G.A.
R.G.A. v. Buffs.
Military Ground, 4 p.m.
Referee, Q.M.S. Barnfather.
Neutral Line men Messrs. Storrie and Hanson.
TEAMS.
H.K.F.C.—J. Clarke, E. F. Aucott and J. McCubbin; H. Kilby, R. C. Barlow and W. Ironside; A. Aitchison and H. L. Garrett; A. Hamilton, J. D. Danby and A. Whitmarsh.
Kowloon.—Foulkes, Van Ginkel and Lapaley; Blackburn, Clements and Wilkie; Hodley and Morris; P. Wilkie, Stubbs and Mead.
R.G.A.—Beasley, Oxley and West; Walker, Lt. Bagnall and Hewitt; Crump and Ansell; Watts; Nash and Bellis.
Buffs.—Black; Butler and Cloke; Dore, Wrennam and Cooper; Fitzpatrick and Houckham; Taylor; Brewster and Barker.

Second Division.
Moulem v. Lusitano.
Canisway Bay, 4 p.m.
Referee, Corp. Kelly, A.S.C.
A. Coy. Buffs v. B. Coy. Buffs.
Parade Ground, 2.30 p.m.
Referee, Sapper Scarlett, R.E.
88 Coy. R.G.A. v. B.O.C.
Military Ground, 2.30 p.m.
Referee, Sergt. Graham, A.S.C.
TEAMS.

Moulem.—Bur; Dyer and Khan; Marker, Mootee and A. Bur; Moosa and C. Marker; Hartman; Raminjah and Nasarim.
Lusitano.—L. Cordeiro; Castro and Soares; T. G. Vitoria; A. Vitoria; J. Vitoria; A. Vitoria; B.O.C.—Khan; J. Abbas and Rodden; Stammers, Calver and H. Goldsberg; Baptista and Jax; H. Taylor; Chew and Margett.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

R.E. v. Police.
Happy Valley, 2 p.m.
Umpire, Insp. Langley.
Civil Service v. Telegraphs.
Happy Valley, 2 p.m.
Kewloon v. H. K. C. C.
Kowloon, 2 p.m.
Craigengower v. R.G.A.
Craigengower Ground, 2 p.m.
TEAMS.
Police.—J. H. King, P. P. J. Wodehouse, G. Woodcock, J. Kerr, Kent, W. Pitt, W. N. Edwards, J. Ogg, S. Bell, K. McLennan, and Dorney. Reserve.—W. Cooper and Cocker.
Craigengower.—L. E. Lammert, G. A. Hancock, L. A. Rose, J. D. Noria, W. H. Vireaux, E. Bala, B. F. Lammert, R. Postonji, S. Battilwara, J. W. Stewart, and Carvalho.
Kowloon.—J. P. Robinson, W. F. Brower, Capt. Somerville, W. T. Wessner, W. Carven, H. Spurge, H. H. Taylor, E. H. Pond, D. J. McKenzie, W. F. Elson and F. Sutton.
Civil Service.—H. T. Jackson (Capt.), F. A. Biden, R. E. O. Bird, L. E. Brett, E. W. Dawson, H. Ellis, J. McEwen, A. R. Eaven, A. R. Sutherland, A. M. Thornhill and R. C. Witchell.
Telegraphs.—R. B. Beattie, S. C. Carhill, T. C. Buckland, C. T. Hoos, A. R. Luckie, W. Manning, F. Matson, E. A. G. May, C. E. Shields, W. Waterhouse and A. H. Young.
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KAISERLICH DEUTSCHES KONSULAT.

Swatow, den 16. Dezember 1909. [1537]

E. R.

THE OFFICES of the SANITARY DEPARTMENT will be REMOVED from 20, Des Vaux Road Central to the Second Floor of BEACONSFIELD, Battery Path, on SUNDAY, the 19th inst.

All communications to the Department should be sent to BEACONSFIELD on and after the 19th inst.

W. BOWEN ROWLANDS, Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1909. [1536]

E. R.

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that information has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:-

On MONDAY, the 20th December:- From the East of Hongkong and from Devil's Peak in a South-Easterly to North-Easterly direction, commencing at 7 p.m. and finishing (if the range is clear) at about 10 p.m. A clear range is required up to 6250 yards.

On TUESDAY, the 21st December:- From the West of Hongkong and Stonecutters in a South-Westerly to North-Westerly direction, commencing at 10 a.m. and finishing (if the range is clear) at about 2 p.m. A clear range is required up to 10,700 yards.

If the weather is unfavourable on the above date, practice will take place on the following day.

All ships, junks and other vessels are to keep clear of the range.

BASIL TAYLOR, Commander, R.N., Harbour Master, &c.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1909. [1538]

E. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on THURSDAY, the 23rd day of December, 1909, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Tokawan comprising portions of the foreshore and sea bed, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1909. [1535]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From TRIESTE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship "PERSIA," having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, when they will be examined on the 24th inst., at 10 a.m.

Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 24th inst. will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1909. [1533]

ENTERTAINMENT

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Hongkong, 16th December, 1909. [1527]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, For Account of THE CONCERNED, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 18th DECEMBER, 1909, at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, corner of Lee House Street,

A VARIED ASSORTMENT OF XMAS TOYS, ALSO A few Lots of LACE CURTAINS and JEWELRY.

(Particulars from Catalogue.)

On View on FRIDAY, P.M. Terms: As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1909. [1518]

E. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 20th day of December, 1909, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at corner of Shaw King Street and Hollywood Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

1511

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements (Approximate).	Contents in Sq. feet.	Annual Rent.	Proforma.
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THE Undersigned will Sell by Public Auction, On WEDNESDAY, the 22nd DECEMBER, 1909, at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1909. [1534]

E. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, On TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 28th and 29th DECEMBER, 1909, at 10 a.m., H. M. NAVAL ESTABLISHMENTS, SUNDY OLD and SURPLUS NAVAL & VICTUALLING STORES, Comprising:-

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Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE:- As Customary.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1909. [1532]

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 14th August, 1909. [1508]

NOTICE.

HAVING been appointed AGENTS in Hongkong for the WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY, we are prepared to accept approved European and Chinese Risks at Current Rates.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, Hongkong, 16th August, 1909. [1083]

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Hongkong, 21st September, 1905. [1251]

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Hongkong, 17th April, 1907. [1152]

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1909. [1507]

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Hongkong, 8th December, 1909. [1177]

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Hongkong, 10th December, 1909. [1500]

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Hongkong, 28th May, 1909. [797]

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Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [1340]

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Hongkong, 8th June, 1906. [96]

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 17th Dec.—Swatow 16th Dec., Tea and
 General—Onaka Shoson Kaisha.
 HANCON, British str., 636, J. W. Evans, 17th
 Dec.—Swatow 16th Dec., General—
 Douglas, Lapraik & Co.
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 16th Dec.—Wenhaiwei 10th Dec., Salt,
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 PANDA, Australian str., 3779, P. Giurgovich,
 15th Dec.—Tientsin 27th Nov., General—
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 TAIKOSAN MARU, Japanese str., 1994, Fukui,
 17th Dec.—Mikio 11th Dec., Coal—Mitsui
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 Dec.—Manila 14th Dec., General—
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DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & REG.	SECTION.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO.	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON, &c., via USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DELTA	Brit. str.	—	B. W. H. Snow	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 25th inst., a Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	DUNDEESHIRE	Brit. str.	—	W. Barrett	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 26th inst.
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LONDON, ROTTERDAM & AMSTERDAM	CARDIGANSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	W. O. Tyers	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 19th Jan.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	ANABIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Neumann	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 20th inst.
HAYRE & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Eckhorn	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 1st Jan.
COPENHAGEN & BALTIC PORTS	INDIE	Swed. str.	—	V. Dokken	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 15th Jan.
MARSEILLES, &c., via PORTS OF CALL	TOKIN	French str.	—	Charbonnel	MELCHERS & Co.	Middle of Febr.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	HIRANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Fraser	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 21st inst., at 1 p.m.
MARSEILLES & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	TANGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. Christensen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 22nd inst., at D'light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	SUNYIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Selmer	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 5th Jan., at D'light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	CANTON	Dan. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 5th Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	KAMO MARU	Jap. str.	—	F. L. Sommer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 24th Jan.
MARSEILLES, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	SITHONIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Brehmer	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 26th Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	PEMBROKESHIRE	Brit. str.	—	R. Hayes	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 25th Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	BRASILIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Jager	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 10th Febr.
TRIESTE, GENOA, ALGERIA, GIBRALTAR, &c.	PRINZ LUDWIG	Ger. str.	—	F. v. Hiner	MELCHERS & Co.	To-day, at 1 p.m.
TRIESTE, &c., via SINGAPORE, &c.	E. F. FERDINAND	Aust. str.	—	E. Nitsche	SANDER, WIELER & Co.	On 26th inst., p.m.
NEW YORK	SHIMOSA	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 26th inst.
NEW YORK	BRAMAR	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 26th inst.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 26th inst.
VANCOUVER, B.C., TACOMA & SEATTLE via JAPAN	AMERICA	Brit. str.	—	J. Boyd	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 1st Jan., at 7 a.m.
VANCOUVER via JAPAN PORTS	AMERICA	Brit. str.	—	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 22nd inst.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 15th Feb., at Noon
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE, &c.	INABA MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Saito	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 8th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE, &c.	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th Jan.
TACOMA, B.C., & SEATTLE, &c.	SEATTLE MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSUN KAISHA	On 21st Jan., at Noon
CALLAO, IQUIQUE, &c., via JAPAN PORTS, &c.	KUMASO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSUN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Daylight
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AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	1 m.	G. W. Eild	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 31st inst., at D'light
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Sekino	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 8th Jan., at 4 p.m.
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	AKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Sato	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st Jan., at Noon
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU	Jap. str.	—	C. H. Butler	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 24th inst., a.m.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ATUTSU MARU	Jap. str.	—	Wm. Thompson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th Jan., at 5 p.m.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Sekino	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 22nd inst., at Noon
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MARSEILLES, HAVRE, COPENHAGEN, GENEVA, GOTHENBURG and BALTIC PORTS	"CANTON"	About 5th Jan, 1910.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"INDIAN"	On 17th Jan.
COPENHAGEN and BALTIC PORTS	"INDIAN"	Middle of Feb.

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MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	HIRANO MARU Capt. H. Fraser	9,000	WED'DAY, 22nd Dec, at Daylight.
	TANGO MARU Capt. A. Christensen	8,000	WED'DAY, 5th Jan, at Daylight.
	KAMO MARU Capt. F. L. Sommer	9,000	WED'DAY, 19th Jan, at Daylight.

VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE (INABA MARU leaving Hongkong 8th Jan, due Kobe 13th Jan, connects) ...	AWA MARU Capt. A. Keith	6,500	WED'DAY, 19th Jan, from YOKOHAMA.
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VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE (NIKKO MARU leaving Hongkong 19th Jan, due Kobe 25th & Yokohama 27th Jan, connects) ...	SANUKI MARU Capt. K. Homma	6,500	SATURDAY, 29th Jan, from KOBE.
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NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA ...	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine	5,000	WED'DAY, 22nd Dec, at Noon.
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MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA ...	AKI MARU Capt. K. Sato	7,000	FRIDAY, 24th Dec, A.M.
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SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE ...	TOTOMI MARU Capt. R. Smith	4,500	TUESDAY, 4th January.
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We talk of the romance of war and of the romance of love, and certainly without romance war and love would be anything but poetical. What indeed would they be but slaughter and lust more or less legitimised.

That can scarcely be called a natural union, where the imagination has never been kindled, by the heart touched on either side, where in a word there has been no romance. Surely there ought to be enthusiasm in the happy months that precede marriage.

A man said that he never despatched a love letter without first submitting it to a lawyer. One so cautious as this is almost incapable of falling in love at first sight, which is, I take it, the healthiest natural way of falling in love. It is a different thing when a man "wants to settle." The one man wishes to marry because he has fallen in love; the other wishes to fall in love because he wants to marry.

A real man does not argue with himself on these matters. He does not ask himself, "How much will this girl's father stamp up?" or "If I marry now shall I spoil my prospects?" No, he feels and acts. He must be like the birds, because he cannot help himself.

"And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her. What romance there is in these words from the narrative of an old Biblical love! Work that is done for love's sake seems short and seems sweet.

THE POPULARITY OF THE LOVER.

Here is a modern instance of a man working for love and being inspired by love when doing so. At an examination for a Civil Service appointment a candidate was observed to take a piece of card from his pocket. Whenever a still piece of work was reached out to him, he took the mysterious card, and after gazing at it earnestly for some moments the youth would put it away and go on writing with redoubled energy. The examiner thought that he had caught him copying, and demanded to see the card. The man blushed, but handed it to the examiner. It was the photograph of the girl whom he hoped to marry if the appointment were obtained. He had been gaining inspiration from her dear, sweet face.

When Queen Victoria was going to be married, her subjects were delighted because it was a love match. "It is this which makes your Majesty's marriage so popular," said Lord Melbourne. The same fact explains the popularity of the union of the King of Spain and Princess Ena.

Even those who to outsiders seem to be hardened bachelors are seldom as free from romance as they pretend to be. When alone in his lodgings looking at figures in the fire, such an one sometimes fancies that a figure will take bodily shape, and that for him a day will come when he will be able to say,

"And one dear home—one saving ark,
Where life's true light at last I've found
Shining within when all is dark
And comfortless, and stormy round."

A SACRED TALENT.

Nor are bachelor-minds always true to their ideals. Two of them shared a flat for nearly three years. Each had a latch-key and did what she liked. Every day they told each other that they would never surrender to the tyranny of man, until one of them, who was pretty, did at last fall into the arms of a husband. The other abashed her, and was thus answered—"Women may grow newer and newer, but they will never be so new as really to despise the old, old story revealed to them in love's young dream."

How much more it is for love and matrimony to be romantic than to be only a matter of money as in the following instance. They were walking in the conservatory. "Will you love me with all your soul?" she murmured. "Yes, darling," he answered. "And all your heart?" "Yes, dearest," he answered. "Every thing darling, everything," he interrupted. "Pocket book?" she continued, not noticing the interruption. He gasped once, and all was over.

Foolish people think of love as "a modern fashion's jest," as a subject for fun and banter; wise people, however, know that it is a gift of God, and that to fall in love is for good or bad the most serious and important thing that a person can do.

To thoughtful, pure and healthy-minded young people, we would say: "Think of the mysterious beautiful feeling of first love, when it rises in your heart, as a sacred talent given not merely for your own happiness, but for the good of the world. You need not keep it to yourself as a guilty secret, for it is a natural and right, but still less ought you to put it on your sleeve to be pecked at by daws. Beware of gossiping about such feelings to anyone whom you do not entirely respect, or who is incapable of appreciating them. To do this is to make them common and vulgar."

WHAT LOVERS SAY.

"Do you dream of me, Mike?" said an Irish girl to her lover. "Dream of you is it, me darlin', sure and it's how I can't get a wink of sleep for dreaming of you." "Oh, what a recreation it is," exclaimed another, love-sick Irishman, "to be falling in love; it makes the heart beat so delicately that you can't get a wink of sleep for the pleasure of the pain." This was love's young dream indeed. Alas! that it should be sometimes so mismanaged that it becomes a hideous nightmare.

On the other hand when courtship is carried on not merely purely, for this we take for granted, but in a noble, chivalrous spirit, it is the most important period of life. When taking delightful walks on summer evenings, lovers build castles in the air and some of these may reach to Heaven, for they may be the beginning of mutual work and mutual improvement that will fit the pair, after a happy life here, for a more perfect one beyond.

Unsympathetic people often wonder what lovers find to say during the many hours they spend together. Consider, however, that they have to tell the history of their past lives, their present feelings and their future hopes, and the more candid they are towards each other the better. Love does not depend upon words. But the silence of love is not less enchanting than its speech.

"Who hath not felt that breath in the air, A perfume and freshness strange and rare, A warmth in the light, and a bliss everywhere, When two hearts yearn together?" All sweets below, and all sunny above, Oh, there's nothing in life like making love."

FOR EVERY MAN ONE WOMAN.

Each young couple who begin marriage on the right basis bring the Garden of Eden before men once more. There they two are alone; love raises a wall between them and the outer world. There is no serpent there, and, indeed, he need never come, nor does he, so long as Adam and Eve keep him at bay; but he often comes when the hedge of love is broken, just a little by small discourtesies and little intemperances that gradually, but surely, become wider and wider holes, until there is no hedge at all, and all sorts of monsters enter in and riot there.

Everyone knows Plato's theory about marriage. He taught that men and women are hemispheres, so to speak, of an original sphere; that if assorted—marriages are the result of wrong hemispheres getting together; that, if the two halves meet, the man became complete. There

is much truth in this doctrine, that for every man there is one woman—somewhere—in the world, and for every woman one man. They seldom meet in time, though they may, perhaps in eternity.

Certainly there are those who expect too much from life in general, and from married life in particular. When castle-building before marriage they imagine a condition never experienced on this side of Heaven; and when real life comes with its troubles and cares, the tower of romance falls with a crash; leaving them in the mud hut of everyday reality. Women may wish, but they will wish in vain, to be married to a Poem, and given away by a Novel.

A man who had been married three times gave his experience as follows. He said, "My first wife cured me of romance, my second taught me humility, and my third made me a philosopher."

More fortunate people are not cured of romance after their marriage, but become even more romantic. True, mere passion subsides and gives place to a more tranquil feeling, but passion is not romance and it is not love of the highest kind. At the same time it is to be always beloved one must be always agreeable, so it is a great mistake for lovers to cease courting when they get married. "My husband," said a lady the other day to her confidante, "never goes away, even for a few hours, without kissing me, and returning two or three times to bid me good-bye."

THE GHOST OF LOVE.

Shakespeare says that men are "April when they woo, and December when they wed." If this be a rule it is one to which there are many exceptions. Not a few women can say of their husbands what the wife of the celebrated actor Garrick said of hers: "He never was a husband to me; he was always a lover."

"There is real love just as there are real ghosts. Every person speaks of it; few persons have seen it." This cynical remark of Rochester is certainly not true in reference to love before marriage, and the existence of love after it rests on far better evidence than the existence of ghosts. I have never seen a ghost, but I have often seen love surviving matrimony. I have seen many a husband-lover and sweetheart wife.

Writing to his wife from the sea-side, where he had gone in search of health, Charles Kingsley said: "This place is perfect, but it seems a dream and imperfect without you. People talk of love ending at the altar—Fools!"

Young married people often think that they who have been in the holy state of matrimony twenty or thirty years longer than themselves are very prosy, unromantic, and by no means perfect examples of what married people ought to be. To such persons I would quote words which an old minister of the Church of Scotland once said to a young Scotch Diviner who was finding many faults: "When your lam (chimey) has rooked as long as ours perhaps it will have as much soot."

For forty-six years the love for his wife of that great man of science, Faraday, remained "as fresh, as earnest and as whole-hearted," as in the days of his youth. Another man of science, James Nasmyth, the inventor of the steam hammer, had a similar happy experience. "Forty-two years of married life find us the same devoted cronies that we were at the beginning."

A SAD THOUGHT.

Doctor Arnold, the great school-master, often dwelt upon the rare, the unknown, the almost awful happiness of his domestic life. Yes, the married happiness of some of us does seem strange when we think how little we deserve it, and almost awful when we reflect that in this world at least it will soon come to an end.

Spare all hard words, refrain from all unkind deeds, for a day will come when you will be willing to give red coin of your heart's blood to undo those words, and undo those deeds; that will be the day when Death comes to take from you that husband or that wife who you now know to have been to you your truest, it may be, your only real friend.

But I do not like to end my article with such a sad thought as that of separation, and so I shall remind you and remind myself that if we really believe what as Christians we profess to believe we can look forward not without hope to that.

"Perfect marriage day, when earth's lost love Shall live once more, when lack and loss shall pass away,
And all find all not found before."

THE NAVY LEAGUE.

After a luncheon held at the Westminster Palace Hotel, last month, an extraordinary general meeting of the Navy League was held at the Carlton Hotel, Westminster, in which the resolution for winding up the league voluntarily with a view to its reconstitution on the original basis, unaffected by the limitations of company law—which recently gave rise to litigation in the Chancery Division—was unanimously passed.

THE LUNCHEON.

In the absence of Mr. E. A. Yerburgh, the president, the chair was taken at the luncheon by Mr. Bellairs, M.P., and the company included Lord Wilton, Admiral Clerk, Sir John Garrington, Canon Skrine, Captain Barker, and many other naval and military dignitaries of the league.

The CHAIRMAN, in the course of a brief speech, emphasized the fact that the Navy League was an absolutely non-party organization, though it was political in a sense, because it desired to influence the action of the Government.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

Mr. Yerburgh, who was suffering from a cold and was not well enough to be present at the luncheon, presided at the subsequent meeting at the Carlton Hall, which was well attended by more than 50 members of the league, pursuant to Clause 2 of the articles of association, for the purpose of passing the following resolution so as to constitute the same a special resolution within section 69 of the Companies' (Consolidation) Act, 1908:—"That with a view to reconstituting the league on its original basis unfettered by the limitations of company law the Navy League be wound up voluntarily."

The CHAIRMAN said that the League was recently applied to for an injunction against holding of the meeting, and to prevent himself and other gentlemen from attending it. The Court refused to grant the injunction, so that now requisitionists were in a position to proceed with their business, and he trusted that no further attempt would be made to obstruction of the league on a thoroughly democratic basis. (Cheers.) Their opponents, however, had 44 days during which they might exercise their right of proceeding with their action. He could not believe, in face of the views expressed by Mr. Justice Joyce when delivering judgment, that the plaintiffs would proceed, or that if they did they were likely to succeed. If they were successful and the members of the league found themselves again reduced to a period of inaction, he would consider it his duty to suggest that a new non-party league should be formed immediately to put into action the principles of the old Navy League on a thoroughly democratic basis. So fettering were the regulations of the Companies' Acts that they would have to hold another meeting to ratify the decision arrived at that. It had been said that his object

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in advocating and supporting the reconstitution of the league had been that he might, at some period sooner or later, convert it into a party organization. Such a change was a needless calamity. Two years ago in that very hall he fought for the league's being a non-party body, and he still held, as he held then, that if the league became the bond-slave of any party it would thereby sign its death-warrant. The league knew no party: it stood for the State. It would welcome into its ranks anybody, no matter what their political opinions might be, provided they were supporters of the true doctrine of sea supremacy. (Cheers.)

Admiral GOSNOLD (Reading branch) seconded Mr. MARSDEN (hon. secretary of the Bristol branch) said that his branch had resolved to give full support to the scheme for reorganization.

Canon SKRINE (Oxford branch) said that his branch also supported the proposal to place the league on a democratic basis.

Mr. ANDREWS (Wimbledon branch), the Rev. R. Brookes (West Sussex branch), Captain Short (Norwich branch), and the Rev. E. Bevington (Littlehampton branch) also spoke in support of the motion.

Mr. ARNOLD WHITE congratulated the managing committee on their endeavour to reorganize the league on a democratic basis and on their declaration that it was to be a non-party organization. The spirit of Trafalgar Day was the only one in which they could form a successful organization. The other Sunday regicides and anarchists were denounced by law and order on the monument of the man who was beyond all Englishmen the spirit of the Navy. He hoped the committee of the Navy League would urge upon the Government that in future political, anarchical, and other meetings held in Trafalgar Square should not be allowed to be held at the foot of Nelson's column. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN said that the committee would be only too glad to use all the efforts possible to prevent the desecration to which Mr. White had alluded.

The motion was carried unanimously. The Chairman announced that the proxies received by the committee up to the 27th inst. numbered 2,337.

Mr. Yerburgh subsequently held a reception of members and associates of the league at the Ritz Hotel, when the company numbered between 500 and 600.

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